



*Placer County*  
**Wastewater Advisory Committee**

County Environmental Health ♦ 3091 County Center Dr. Suite

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## MINUTES

October 2, 2007  
CDRA Cypress Room

### I. Call to Order

Leslie Lindbo called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### II. Preliminary Items

#### A. Role Call and Determination of Forum

Tibor Banathy, Rick Bluhm, Marc Lindbloom, Bill Carpenter, Jr., Mark Navo, David Spannagel, Guy Ostenson, Mike Broyer, David Honeycutt, Dave Buck and Warren Tellefson were present. Cathy Spence-Wells was absent.

A quorum was established.

#### B. Introduction of Guests

Susan Chalpin and Jason Churchill attended the meeting.

Mohan Ganapathy, Leslie Lindbo, and Jill Pahl attended representing Environmental Health staff were present. Karin Schwab attended briefly.

#### C. Minutes Review

None

#### D. Elections

Nomination for Chair – Guy Ostenson

Nomination for Vice Chair- Rick Bluhm

#### Correspondence and Public Comment

There was no correspondence or public comment.

#### E. Agenda Review

The agenda was accepted as written.

### III. Action Items

#### A. Advantex: Consider modifications to the conditions of use of Advantex system.

Mohan lead the discussion of the Advantex system. Considerations to change the status from Experimental to Alternative were discussed. It was stated that Environmental Health Services has results from 75% of the Advantex systems with favorable results. No decision could be

made until the next meeting and input is needed beforehand from County Counsel as to how to proceed. The question was raised as to whether the conditions of approval can be modified. Motion to continue this action item was passed. Mark Navo abstained.

- B. Quota for Experimental Systems: Consider modifications of conditions of approval for currently approved experimental systems to allow an additional 10 units. The number of systems permitted and tested was discussed. Not all permitted systems have been installed and the committee recommended that the wording be changed in the conditions of approval so that data could be collected for 20 installed systems even if more are permitted. Warren Tellefson made the motion to approve an additional 10 units and it was seconded by Dave Honeycutt. Bill Carpenter abstained.
- C. Pretreatment Units for Commercial: Reconsider policy regarding the use of pretreatment units for commercial applications. The committee discussed the effluent characteristics in terms of commercial projects. The data needs to be compared for future projects with similar installations already installed. Jason Churchill from Orenco presented a system performance summary sheet to the committee comparing Advantex to septic tank effluent. The committee discussed the non residential uses the need for parameters for non-residential projects such as large churches. One solution could be the use of the County Variance so projects could be reviewed individually. Effluent testing may be required also. The was not voted on and was determined to be a Placer County Environmental Health Services action item. Mark Navo made the motion, Guy Ostenson seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Drip in Fill: Review of Drip in Fill systems for entrance into the Experimental System Program. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **IV. Informational Non-Action Items**

- A. Report: AB885: Update on status of AB885. Mohan distributed a report with a timeline for implementation of AB885.
- B. Report: Placer County proposed fee changes was discussed by Jill Pahl. She stated that fee increases were scheduled at specific times. She also stated that it is necessary for Environmental Health Services to recover overhead costs since there are no longer general fund contributions. Bill Carpenter stated that it may be a good idea to charge customers for the inspections given by Environmental Health Services instead of a designated rate. Mohan said these fees cover not only the inspections but the administration costs as well even if they don't need the same number of the inspections.
- C. Report: Status of Experimental Systems in Placer County. Hoot and Advantex systems have filled up the 20 unit slot and Environmental Health Services is starting to receive effluent testing data from those systems, Envirocycle units have not filled to 20 unit maximum, and Environmental Health Services is receiving and reviewing its testing data.

**V. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting**

- A. The next meeting is planned for November 6, 2007 in the Cypress room at the CDRC and every first Tuesday of the month thereafter from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the Cypress room. Agenda topics will include: (1) Drip in Fill: Review of Drip in Fill systems for entrance into the Experimental System Program. (2) Advantex: Consider approving the Advantex system as an alternative system.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM